



## FAITH FOR THE SUDDEN AND NOW

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*While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all those hearing the Word.*

**Acts 10:44**

*Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours!*

**Mark 11:24 (NIV)**

*Paul says that the Kingdom of God does not exist in words, but in power (1 Cor. 4:20)*

**The question this morning is:**

*Have we conditioned ourselves to such an extent that the things we are standing for will take forever?*

**If you can conceive it, you can receive it**

Every time you question God, you are putting limitations on Him to provide and on your faith to receive.

Even though God is totally unlimited, you and I can limit Him from doing what He wants to do in our lives.

If you can conceive it, then you can receive it and nothing and no one can keep it out of your possession.

You limit God by not being able to conceive it in your heart. Nothing happens on the outside until it is first conceived on the inside! We know that in the natural realm "to conceive" means "to become pregnant with", but it also means "to apprehend." In other words, reach out and take it!

It also means to be filled with or to be rich in prolific ideas!

***For as he thinks in his heart, so is he...***

**Proverbs 23:7**

To think in the heart implies, to ponder, to dwell upon, to meditate, to imagine or to image. You have to be able to conceive the image on the inside of you of what God is **saying** and what God is **promising!** If you can't conceive an image of it, then it will never become a reality in your life.

God works with people who will remove every limitation and allow Him to do some big things in their lives. He wants you to stretch your imagination just as far as you can possibly stretch it. In fact, from here on out **think big!**

### **What happens in this now season, this time?**

***And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And unrolling the book, He found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is on Me; because of this He has anointed Me to proclaim the Gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim deliverance to the captives, and new sight to the blind, to set at liberty those having been crushed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.***

**Luke 4:17-19**

***Also, verse 18, 19 in Amplified ...the day when salvation (Soteria; Fourfold salvation: Saved from the penalty, power, presence and most importantly the pleasure of sin) and the free favours of God profusely abound.***

We have already shown that we have and can stand – but those times are finished. It is time now for the sudden and immediate!

**Mark 11:12-14; 20-23**

## Do we have the right to expect immediate results?

Listen to David's prayers:

*Turn your ear to me; come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.*

Psalm 31:2, 3 (NIV)

*Come near and rescue me; deliver me because of my foes.*

Psalm 69:18, (NIV)

*Do not hold against us the sins of past generations; may your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need.*

Psalm 79:8 (NIV)

*Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress. Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly. For my days vanish like smoke; my bones burn like glowing embers.*

Psalm 102:2, 3 (NIV)

*Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!*

Psalm 118:25, (NIV)

*Save now, we beseech You, O Lord; send now prosperity, O Lord, we beseech You, and give to us success!*

Psalm 118:25 (AMP)

## The result of such prayer

Luke 18:1-8

*The Lord said to me, You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled.*

Jeremiah 1:12

We have already received the Word of Faith regarding prosperity; healing; wholeness; success. We have already received the revelation about confessing the Word. So now we are going to look at scriptures regarding the **now – sudden – and immediate, and release our faith for this!**

### Faith for the now – sudden – and immediate

*But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and at once they told Him about her.*

*And He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. And Instantly the fever left her, and she served them.*

*And a leper came to Him, begging Him and kneeling down to Him, and saying to Him, If You will, You can make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put out His hand and touched him, and said to him, I will; be clean! And He having spoken, the leprosy instantly departed from him and he was cleansed.*

Mark 1:21–28 / 29-31 / 40-42

*And immediately he arose and took up his cot and went out before all. So that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, we never saw it this way.*

Mark 2:1-12

*And instantly the fountain of her blood dried up. And she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.*

*And He took the child's hand and said to her, Talitha koumi; (which interpreted is, little girl, I say to you, Arise!)*

*And instantly the little girl arose and walked (for she was twelve years old). And they were astonished with a great astonishment.*

Mark 5:21-29 / 38-42

*And answering Jesus said to him, what do you desire that I should do to you? The blind man said to Him, My Lord that I may see again.*

*And Jesus said to him, Go, your faith has healed you. And instantly he saw again, and he followed Jesus in the way.*

Mark 10:46-52

*And when Jesus saw her, He called and said to her, Woman, you are delivered from your infirmity. And He laid His hands on her. And instantly she was made erect, and she glorified God.*

**Luke 13:10-13**

*Jesus says to him, Rise, take up your bed and walk.*

*And immediately the man was made whole and took up his bed and walked. And it was a Sabbath on that day.*

**John 5:1-9**

*But so we don't upset them needlessly, go down to the lake, cast a hook, and pull in the first fish that bites. Open its mouth and you'll find a coin. Take it and give it to the tax men. it will be enough for both of us.*

**Matthew 17:27 (Message)**

## **What happens to those that want to stop this anointing?**

**Acts 12:20-24**

*Then Saul (who is also Paul), filled with the Holy Spirit, set his eyes on him and said, O son of the Devil, full of all deceit and all craftiness, enemy of all righteousness, will you not stop perverting the right ways of the Lord?*

*And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is on you. And you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a while. And immediately a mist and darkness fell on him, and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.*

*Then, seeing the thing happening, the proconsul believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.*

**Acts 13:9-12**

*And after laying on them many stripes, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailor to keep them safely; who, having received such a command thrust them into the inner prison and made their feet fast in the stocks.*

*And toward midnight Paul and Silas prayed and praised God in a hymn. And the prisoners listened to them.*

*And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and all the bonds were loosened.*

**Acts 16:23-26**

Situations where the devil and people have closed doors for you. Situations where you were bound – felt powerless. Every time that you wanted to step out and start a business. Every time that you wanted to go and restore relationships. Every time that you applied for promotion – then doors slam shut in your face.

*And immediately they reached the shore toward which they had been slowly making their way!*

**John 6:16-21 (Amplified)**

Like Jesus, we can expect immediate results. When we stand together in faith as believers (*power of agreement*), then no demon or devil can stop us to see the **sudden and immediate** manifest.

## **Now faith for the sudden and immediate in restoration!**

**Restore** – Webster's dictionary: *To bring back to a former or original condition.*

God's definition of restore: *To make better, improve, increase and multiply.*

*The thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

**John 10:10**

- Steal – finances
- Kill – destiny
- Destroy – family

*I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)*

*For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].*

**Ephesians 2:10 (Amplified)**

**Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.**

**...bring it to a flourishing finish**

**Philippians 1:6 (Message)**

God wants to turn every test into a testimony! He wants to bless you no matter how impossible your situation may seem.

**God can do anything, you know-far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.**

**Ephesians 3:20 (Message)**

This says to me that the best is yet to come! Get in position to receive. Align yourself with God – His Word and order. Get rid of all the limitations, and start expecting restoration as never before. Your best days are just ahead of you! Make this your year for increase and restoration in every area of your life and begin to declare that the best is here!